

# CHARITY ON THE EAST SIDE.

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The University Settlement Bank and the Little Depositors Who Learn Lessons of Thrift There.

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"MERE CHARITY OF MONEY-GIVING CAN DO LITTLE FOR THE POOR."

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My work in the University Settlement Society has consisted largely in organizing the Woman's Auxiliary, so that I am not as well acquainted with the people in the neighborhood of the settlement as I would like to be, and as I hope to be later.

I have done a great deal of work in the lower East Side of town, but among an entirely different class of people. I used often to get discouraged and feel that all I did was in vain, for I found the factor of "social environment" so strong that, no matter how hopeful some cases seemed at first, circumstances and surroundings would prevail over what seemed in the individual a genuine desire to rise above his level.

From what little I have seen of the poor in the field of the Settlement, I believe they are grateful for everything that is done for them, particularly in the line of educational work. I fully believe that every woman who has joined the Auxiliary will soon become deeply interested in the work.

One great drawback to charitable work is the fact that it is so largely confined to the mere act of giving money to those of whom the giver knows absolutely nothing. Such charity, no matter how liberally bestowed, seldom results in good.

It is personal contact with the people whom we desire to help that elevates them. If a poor woman sees there is some human interest taken in her and her children, it makes her feel as though she was of some account in the world. It is only by the closer relations and a fuller knowledge of the conditions of each other's lives that women are able to be helpful to each other.

I fully believe there are great possibilities for good in this new work just begun by the Woman's Auxiliary, perhaps more than in any other way of working. For, after all, it is the way work is done more than anything else which makes it successful.

I do not believe that any man or woman can enter this field of work without becoming deeply interested in it, and I feel that the benefit will be as great to the workers as to those among whom they work.

and I hope that we of the Woman's Auxiliary will be able to do something approaching it.

I am quite enthusiastic over this new work, and hope for great results.

In the afternoon I visited the Settlement. I could not see much and to grasp one-thousandth part of what is being done and what has been done there in so short a visit would be impossible.

I was more impressed by the gentle, sweet ways of some of the

mothers I saw there, with their little ones, and with the marvelous intelligence of the little boys, who held a club meeting, than I can tell. The seriousness of those little fellows and their insistence upon order and their cheerful submission to all parliamentary rules was one of the most amusing scenes I have ever witnessed. At the same time their earnestness was convincing.

I was amazed as well as delighted to learn through Miss Helen Moore, the librarian, how eagerly the little boys, who are most of them foreigners, strive to master our language, and with what interest they read the history of the United States.

I am greatly interested in the work, or rather in the prospective work of the Woman's Auxiliary of the University Settlement.

As yet we have done little, but I believe the future will show splendid results.

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